

**AGENDA ITEM**: Statewide Information Databases

**ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING**: Consider funding for cooperative licensing support.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD**: I

move that the Library of California Board direct its Chief Executive Officer to allocate Library of California fiscal year 2000-2001 funds not to exceed \$300,000 for support of fiscal agent workload and administrative costs for cooperative licensing services for Library of California member libraries.

**ISSUE**: Consideration of funding for support of fiscal agent workload and administrative costs for cooperative licensing services for Library of California (LoC) member libraries.

**BACKGROUND**:

Establishment of a statewide cooperative licensing service is a component of Article 7, Statewide Services, section 20331 of the regulations titled Cooperative, Coordinated Resource Development. This section of the Act encourages, promotes, and supports the cooperative acquisition and utilization of library resources among participating libraries.

To achieve the goals of this section staff has arranged an agreement with Amigos Library Services, a national resource sharing network. Amigos will provide cooperative licensing services and discounts on library supplies to LoC member libraries who join as general members. Membership fees will be paid by the LoC. Amigos will include interested LoC libraries in new or existing discounted database subscriptions offered by Amigos through their A-Plus service program. Amigos will also identify databases appropriate to Library of California members and negotiate statewide database contracts at rates favorable to California libraries. Membership will be available in May 2001. Staff will promote this service to LoC regions and members with information on products and services as well as enrollment procedures.

Staff analysis of services available and potential costs of other options indicated that the fee per member approach offered by Amigos Library Services provided the most effective use of LoC funds. This agreement will be monitored closely to insure it's usefulness to LoC libraries and to evaluate it's cost effectiveness relative to other methods of providing reduced rates for database licensing.

## **GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:**

### *Library of California Periodicals/Serials database*

Consideration of funding for this activity will not come before the Board until the June 2001 meeting. Background information is provided here in preparation for that decision.

The Library of California Periodicals/Serials Database contains records for serials (periodicals, newspapers, annuals, some monographic series, and other ongoing publications) owned by California libraries and is hosted by UC's California Digital Library. The database includes the following components:

<b>CULP California Union List of Periodicals</b>	Created by contributions to the LoC funded serials service bureau, includes public, academic and special libraries.
<b>CALLS California Academic Library List of Serials</b>	Includes the 9 UC campuses, California State Library, California State Universities, Center for Research Libraries, Stanford University, California Academy of Sciences, California Historical Society, Getty Center for the History of Art and the Humanities, and Graduate Theological Union.
<b>SERHOLD Serial Holdings</b>	Includes California medical libraries in other universities and hospitals from the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) list of serials.

CULP is maintained by GRC International, a serials service bureau, for input to the CDL and for the creation of the annual microfiche and paper edition. GRC produces various selected union lists upon request on a cost recovery basis.

Library of California members have been urged to participate in this resource-sharing project. LoC members may contact GRC for technical assistance on the creation and maintenance of records to be added to CULP, and LoC Regions may contact GRC International for information on the creation of regional union lists. The Tierra del Sol region has recently requested such a listing.

The California Digital Library will soon announce changes in the hosting system for the MELVYL and LoCP/SD. Results of this change in systems will provide new opportunities for handling entry of serials data from contributing libraries for the LoCP/SD. The State Library and CDL staff will continue to analyze the workflow of the service bureau and suggest improvements. An LSTA proposal is being considered that would analyze the new opportunities and challenges in the creation of this union serial database and should result in more efficient service at reduced cost.

### *Measures of Success*

The LoCP/SD garners contributions from over 500 libraries through the work of the serials service bureau, GRC International. Exhibit A lists the most recent contributors to the database. Data from the most recent weekly statistics of UC's CDL indicate that the LoC P/SD represents about 10% (50,690 searches) of the use of all hosted databases in the MELVYL/LoCP/SD online catalog. About 25% of these searches (12,782) are from outside UC campuses.

### *Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII)*

Consideration of funding for this activity will not come before the Board until the June 2001 meeting. Background information is provided here in preparation for that decision.

The Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII) is a searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 6,000 Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians for their usefulness to users of public libraries. Both librarians and non-librarians use it as a reliable and efficient guide to described and evaluated Internet resources.

Another role that the LII fulfills is as a high quality index, merging the best practices of librarians to evaluate and select materials with technologies making it possible to disseminate the index widely, with minimal cost. At a time when there is much concern about Internet access in libraries, the LII is an invaluable resource to front-line librarians who need to promote access to high quality, authoritative electronic information resources.

Library of California members may "co-brand" with the LII. An example from the Fresno County Library is shown in Exhibit B. Exhibit C displays a page reflecting a choice from the main topic headings.

The Librarians' Index to the Internet currently receives over a million hits per month. A more detailed description of the Librarians' Index to the Internet written by Holly Hinman, InFoPeople Project Coordinator, is provided as Exhibit D.

### *Measures of Success*

The Librarians' Index to the Internet is evaluated on a continuing basis through the use of web site statistical evaluation tools and online surveys. The web site statistical tools count the number and types of users coming to the site based on their Internet domain name. An online survey was just initiated and preliminary results should be available for discussion by the time of this meeting. In addition to statistics, indexers, LII management and InFoPeople management continually evaluate the site and elicit comments from its indexers and users. A summary of usage statistics and comments from users that are posted on the LII web site are included as Exhibit E.

### *Arroyo Seco Full Text Licensing Project*

The committee and consultant met with vendors' representatives who responded to a "Request for Information" on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Results from that meeting and subsequent negotiations should be available by the time of this Board meeting and will be discussed by staff. A free preview of each of the databases under consideration was provided by vendors to interested Arroyo Seco Library Network members.

Relevant Committee: Support Services

Staff Liaison: Ira Bray

## 100 Most Recent Contributors to the Library of California Periodicals/Serials Database

Alhambra Public Library	Orange Co. Library - La Palma
Altadena Library District	Orange Co. Library - Laguna
Amateur Athletic Foundation	Orange Co. Library - Los Alamitos
Anaheim Public Library	Orange Co. Library - Mary Wilson
Arcadia Public Library	Orange Co. Library - Mesa Verde
Arnold & Porter	Orange Co. Library - Professional
Azusa City Library	Orange Co. Library - Rancho SM
Baker & McKenzie - SF	Orange Co. Library - Stanton
Bethany College	Orange Co. Library - Tustin
Beverly Hills Public Library	Orange Co. Library - Univ. Park
Bruggemeyer Memorial Library	Orange Co. Library - Westminster
Burbank Public Library	Orange Co. Library-San Clemente
Calif. Energy Commission	Orange Co. Library-San Juan Cap
California Baptist University	Orange Co. Library-W.Garden Gr.
Camarena Memorial Library	Orange Co. Public - Aliso Viejo
Cerritos Public Library	Orange Co. Public - Brea
Chabot College	Orange Co. Public - Chapman
Commerce Public Library	Orange Co. Public - Costa Mesa
Cosumnes River College	Orange Co. Public - Cypress
Covina Public Library	Orange Co. Public - El Toro
Cypress College	Orange Co. Public - Fountain Vllly
Diocese of Orange	Orange Co. Public - Garden Grove
Downey City Library	Orange Co. Public-Laguna Niguel
Escondido Public Library	Orange. Co. Public - Dana Point
Federal Reserve Bank of S.F.	Oxnard Public Library
Fenwick & West	Palm Springs Public Library
Glendale Public Library	Palmdale City Library
Hayward Public Library	Palos Verdes Library District
Heller, Ehrman - Los Angeles	Pasadena Public Library
John F. Kennedy Univ.-Campbell	Pomona Public Library
Long Beach City College	Redondo Beach Public Library
Long Beach Public Library	Riverside Community College
Los Angeles Public	Riverside Public - Central Library
Los Medanos College	Roseville Public Library
Masters College	San Benito County Free Library
Modoc County Library	San Francisco Public Library
Monrovia Public Library	San Marino Public Library
Monterey Peninsula College	Santa Clara University Law Library
Morgan,Lewis & Bockius,LLP	Santa Fe Springs Library
Napa City-County Library	Santa Monica Public Library
Naval Postgraduate School	Shartsis,Friese & Ginsburg
Oakland Public Library - Main	Shasta County Library
O'Melveny & Meyers - LA	Sierra Madre Library
Orange Co. Library - Heritage Pk	Signal Hill Public Library
Orange Co. Library - La Habra	Skadden, Arps ... LA

South Chula Vista Library  
South Pasadena Public Library  
Steefel, Levitt & Weiss  
Stroock, Stroock & Lavan  
Thelen, Reid & Priest

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## Best of...

[California Public Schools Guide \(GreatSchools.net\)](#) - <http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/go/CA>

Excellent database for comparing public elementary, middle, or high schools in California. Created by an independent, non-profit organization, GreatSchools database provides standardized test results, school district standards, demographics, and diversity information for each school. Many schools have expanded profiles, which include curriculum; the community and its culture; staffing; school climate and safety, and much more. Links are provided for individual schools' Web sites, too. This site also includes information about choosing schools, the enrollment process, and creating parent-school partnerships. - [mc](#)

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## Directories

[Boarding Schools Directory](#) - <http://www.schools.com/tabs/>

This international listing of schools can be searched, or, browsed by region. Users of the site will also find helpful tips on choosing a school and facts about boarding school life. More than 200 schools listed, mostly in the United States, with 22 in Canada and 4 in Europe. Updated annually. From The Association of Boarding Schools. - [cl](#)

Subject: [Boarding schools -- Directories](#)

[CAIS School Directory](#) - <http://www.caisca.org/listing.htm>

Directory of the member schools of the California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS). Listed by region - north and south, with separate listings for boarding schools and single sex schools. Information includes grade-level, size of student body, and Web address, if available. - [cl](#)

Subject: [Private schools -- California -- Directories](#)

[K-12 Schools in California](#) - <http://web66.coled.umn.edu/schools/US/California.html>

Schools with Web sites. Divided by Elementary and Secondary and includes School Districts and Educational Organizations. Last updated in 1998. *See also* the more current list of [California School Districts with Web servers](#) maintained by the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education.



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Subject: Public schools -- California

## Databases

California Public School Profiles - <http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/>

Demographic data reported by the school district to the California Department of Education, includes location, legislative districts and members, school demographics, student counts, technology, alternative education enrollment, students by ethnic group, limited-English-proficient (LEP) students, certified and classified staff, teaching credentials, teachers by ethnic groups, teachers for LEP students, average class size, and links to STAR test results. Site also links to a glossary explaining the elements in the profile. Site is awkward to navigate. Read the instructions carefully. - rs

Subjects: Public schools -- California | School districts -- California -- Statistics

DataQuest - <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/dataquest.asp>

This database "helps you find facts about California Schools and districts." Search state, county, district, or school level for: Academic Performance Index (API) score and rank; enrollments, by course, grade, race, ethnicity, gender; dropouts by grade, race, ethnicity, and gender; English Learners (EL), including number redesignated to Fluent-English Proficient (FEP); Staffing, teacher, administrator, classified by ethnic designation and gender; and Sat 9 (Stanford 9) test scores. QuickQuest lets you create your own reports. - cl

Subjects: Public schools -- California | School districts -- California -- Statistics

National School Locator - <http://nces.ed.gov/ccdweb/school/school.asp>

A prototype search tool for locating U.S. public elementary and secondary schools. Developed to enable school officials and others to identify a school with only a limited amount of information. Data returned includes address/phone number, school district info, number of teachers, students, and school population by grade and race/ethnicity. - cl

Subject: Public schools -- United States -- Databases

## Specific Resources

Internet Access in Public Schools - <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs99/1999017.html>

This *Issue Brief* presents data on Internet usage in the schools based on nationally representative surveys of regular public schools and classrooms from 1994-98. From the U.S. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). - cl

Subjects: Internet in education -- Statistics | Public schools -- United States

L.A. Unified School District School Reports - <http://www.cityofla.org/MAYOR/lausd/>

This site presents 1998 data about 453 elementary, 101 middle, and 68 high schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District. The information includes enrollment, average class size, the Stanford 9 results, demographics, attendance, English speaking abilities, per-pupil spending, expulsions and suspensions, special programs available, free lunch programs, percentage of fully

credentialed teachers, the number of computers, crime - both against persons and property, how it stands within the district, where it's located within the district, and more. The Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to read the PDF files. - [dl](#)

Subjects: [School districts -- California -- Los Angeles](#) | [Public schools -- California -- Los Angeles](#) -- [Statistics](#)

[Standardized Testing and Reporting Program \(STAR\)](#) - <http://star.cde.ca.gov/>

The Stanford Achievement Test Series, Ninth Edition (Stanford 9), a multiple-choice test that allows comparisons to be made to a national sample of students, was administered by all California school districts to students in grades 2 through 11 in 1998 and 1999. See results for districts and for individual schools in a report which will be the benchmark for annual assessment of education in the state. - [jp](#)

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[STAR 2000: State of California Standardized Testing and Reporting Program](#) - <http://www.startest.com/>

Aimed at teachers, test coordinators, and liaisons, this site has a program timeline, district workshops, newsletters (require PDF reader), and most important, the controversial California Reading List. Titles from this list are recommended with the Stanford 9 test scores received in the mail by the parents of each child. The list is searchable by interest level (grade ranges), key word, and reading list number (highest has the most challenging books). Stanford 9 is the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Ninth Edition, also known as SAT-9. - [rs](#)

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*Background: Librarians' Index to the Internet*  
*Holly Hinman, InFoPeople Project Coordinator*

The Librarians' Index to the Internet is described on its Web site (<http://lii.org>) in these terms: "The Librarians' Index to the Internet is a searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 7,500 Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians for their usefulness to users of public libraries. It's meant to be used by both librarians and non-librarians as a reliable and efficient guide to described and evaluated Internet resources."

The Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII) was awarded Library of California funding in April 2000, effective as of October 1, 2000, when Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) support ended.

The LII is managed by a full-time coordinator assisted by two part-time editors. Most of the content is created by a corps of volunteer librarian indexers who receive training from the coordinator. There are currently over 100 active volunteer indexers who collectively contribute approximately 6,000 hours annually, valued at approximately \$120,000.

An Advisory Board provides policy oversight for the LII. Members of the Board are:

Joan Bartel, Director of Information Technologies & Collections, Los Angeles  
Public Library

Ira Bray, Electronic Information Resources Consultant, California State Library

Dana Evans, Reference and Documents Librarian, Sonoma County Library

Martha Gifford, Retired Librarian, Ventura County Library Services Agency

Gail Haar, Deputy County Library, Marin County Free Library

Julianna Hamann, Community Partner, Alpine Branch, San Diego County Library

Holly Hinman, InFoPeople Project Coordinator

Carole Leita, LII Coordinator

June Pilsitz, Electronic Resources Librarian, Newport Beach Public Library

Roy Tennant, Manager of eScholarship Web & Services Design, California  
Digital Library

The LII receives an average of 242,004 requests per week, or 1,048,606 per month. During the first quarter of LOC support, usage increased 36% over the previous quarter. A current awareness service, *LII New This Week*, is sent to more than 8,700 subscribers. Twenty-two California libraries currently co-brand the LII. Co-branding allows a library to have a link on their Web site to the Librarians' Index to the Internet that goes to templated version of the LII which includes the library's name, main navigation links, logo graphic, and background and text colors. Users of the co-branded library's Website are able to use and search the LII while still being able to access the main sections of the library's Web site.

Co-branding libraries include: California State Library; Peninsula Library System; Benicia Public Library; California College of Arts and Crafts Libraries; Contra Costa County Library; Fresno County Library; Glendale Community College Library; Inyo County Library; Los Angeles Public Library; Los Angeles Valley College Library; Marin County Library; Monterey County Free Library; Newport Beach Public Library; Palo Alto City Library; Rancho Mirage Public Library; Riverside Public Library; San Diego Public Library; San Francisco Public Library; San Jose Public Library; Santa Clara City Library; Stockton-San Joaquin Public Library.

During fiscal year 2000/01, the LII database was converted to MARC format and tested in MarinNet and Newport Beach. In the future, the LII database will be available for libraries to download and integrate into their local library catalogs. This will enable users to seamlessly search both library holdings and high-quality Web sites.

### *Evaluation*

The Librarians' Index to the Internet is evaluated on a continuing basis through the use of Web site statistical evaluation tools. These tools count the number and types of users coming to the site based on their Internet domain names. Internal use of the site is also monitored to determine the usefulness of the various Web pages and search tools, and to identify subject gaps. In addition to usage statistics, the site is reviewed and evaluated by the indexers, the LII managers, and the InFoPeople Project staff. Users are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions. A formal online end-user survey is being conducted in March-April 2001 to elicit information about the LII users and to help LII managers improve the quality of the LII service. Results will be shared with the Library of California Board as soon as they are available.

### *FY 2001-2002 Budget Request*

The Librarian's Index to the Internet received \$189,150 in Library of California funding for the nine months from October 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. Extrapolating that to a full twelve months of funding would result in an annual budget of \$252,000. The budget requested seeks an increase of \$28,135, or 11%. The increase will cover the following costs:

- \$5,000 more in compensation for the LII manager, to cover higher benefit charges
- Addition of one half-time editor, to assist with increased workload
- \$5 more per hour for programmer, who works an average of 10 hours per week
- Addition of one indexer training workshop, for a total of three

It should be noted that Carole Leita, the creator and long-term manager of the Librarians' Index to the Internet, is retiring. Recruitment for a new manager will begin in late April 2001.

Budget detail follows:

Salaries and benefits

\$81,250

LII Manager

Contract services

\$78,000

3 editors, .5 FTE each

\$39,000

Programmer, .25 FTE

Operational expenses

\$15,000

Indexer training and support

\$10,000

General office expenses

\$31,600

Technical enhancements to database

Indirect costs

\$25,485

Peninsula Library System

Total = \$280,335

## How the LII Is Used

### Numbers

#### LII requests:

February 2001 - **1,313,584** accesses - **46,913** per day.

Jan-Dec 2000 - **10,114,218** accesses. That's 195,000 per week and 28,000 per day.

#### All the Web links search

On 01/06/01, a link search in [All the Web \(Fast\)](#) found **14,448 pages** with links to the *Librarians' Index to the Internet*. Searched on current URL (lii.org) and old URL (sunsite.berkeley.edu/internetindex)

#### AltaVista links search

On 01/06/01, a link search in AltaVista found **10,066 pages** with links to the *Librarians' Index to the Internet*. Of these: 24% from the .edu domain, 16% from .us, 14% from .com, 10% from .org, 6% from .net, 3% from .ca, 2% from .au, 1% from .gov, and 1% from .uk, 23% from elsewhere.

### Articles about the LII

Jascó, Péter "[Librarians' Index to the Internet](#)" [Digital Reference Review](#), March, 2001.

Price, Gary. "The Librarian's Librarian: Carole Leita" [Searcher Magazine](#), 8(10) (November/December, 2000):69-73. [*not online*]

["By Librarians, For Everyone"](#) Library Highlights, Institute for Museum and Library Services, October, 2000.

["Librarians' Index to the Internet: By Librarians, for Everyone"](#) (PDF) Connections, California State Library, October, 2000.

Holmes, Tamara E. "[Doing research the Web way](#)" USA Today, July 14, 2000.

Farrell, Dave. "[A Gift to You, From a Cybrarian](#)" The Holland [Michigan] Sentinel, April 9, 2000.

Smith, Karen D. "[Smart Surfing](#)" Amarillo Globe-News, March 29, 2000.

Leita, Carole and Holly Hinman. "[A Public Librarian Helps Launch an Index](#)" Library Journal 123(16) (October 1, 1998):48.

### Quotes from Web sites that link to the LII

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[Public Libraries](#)

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International

Others

## **Best of Quotes**

Internet Librarian Column, by Karen Schneider, *American Libraries*, February, 2001.

*The Librarians' Index to the Internet is better than ever and still commercial-free (take that, Yahoo!)*

Ten Best Sites for Librarians, by Gillian Davis, *Suite101.com*, January 23, 2001.

*This is the best subject guide there is, in my opinion. Particularly for public librarians and public librarian patrons, but really useful for anyone. Sites go through a very specific selection process, are indexed by trained librarians, and are annotated. Besides its function as an excellent subject guide, the for librarians section is a fantastic library portal in itself, the New This Week section is a great current awareness tool, and the Best Search Tools page is a must for any reference librarian. The co-ordinator of the LII is Internet guru Carole Leita.*

"How Do I Find?" Column by librarians Karen Hartman and Ernest Ackermann, *Fredericksburg Star*, December 4, 2000.

*Listed first in article on Virtual Libraries. ...run by public librarians in California. Each site included is reviewed and signed by one of these librarians.*

**EarthLink Weekly Email Newsletter**, November 13-19, 2000

*Although designed for use by public librarians, this 7,000-site directory is an excellent resource for anyone who needs to research a topic on the Web. You'll find sites related to the arts, education, geography, literature, law, medicine, sports, and many other subjects, and each site listing contains a brief review.*

Science & Technology News Network - Site of the Week - October 1, 2000

*This is a place to get accurate, up-to-date, and serious information about Internet resources. The "Librarian's Index to the Internet" offers an annotated subject directory of more than 6,600 librarian-selected sites. There's also a section that provides weekly updates of the top 20 sites as well as plenty of "site suggestions" for those who crave a more complete guide. The index is easily searched by keywords, subjects, titles, descriptions and links. For instance, a search on pest control using the index's "site suggestions" retrieves a diverse listing of related resources, such as basic, educational, regulatory, and scientific information, including tips and annotated links.*

Galaxy.com Top Ten Literature Web Sites and Complete article (PDF), September 29, 2000

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